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DEPARTMENT PASS AGRICULTURE FAS, GRAIN & FEED DIVISION
FOR NOVOTNY AND PENCE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, GW

SUBJECT: SOVIET GRAIN PURCHASES

1. IN VIEW OF RECENT PRESS ARTICLES AND TRADE RUMORS WE
HAVE CHECKED WITH GERMAN TRADE EXECUTIVES AND GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS REGARDING RUMORS OF SOVIET INTEREST IN THE
PURCHASE OF UP TO 1 MILLION TONS OF EUROPEAN GRAINS.

2. THE TRADE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOVIET BUYERS HAVE BEEN
IN CONTACT WITH GERMAN AND FRENCH TRADING FIRMS BUT
MAINTAIN THAT NO SALES HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED TO DATE. WE
HEAR THAT SEVERAL GERMAN TRADERS VISITED MOSCOW RECENTLY
BUT DID NOT CONCLUDE CONTRACTS.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY THE RUSSIANS, NOR HAS THE IM-
PORT AND STORAGE AGENCY (FRANKFURT) BEEN CONTACTED RE-
GARDING SALES TO THE USSR OUT OF FRG INTERVENTION STOCKS.

4. THE FRG WILL TENDER 750,000 TONS OF WHEAT, 300,000
TONS BARLEY AND SMALL AMOUNTS OF RYE FOR EXPORT TO ANY
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DESTINATION LATER THIS MONTH. BIDS CANNOT BE RECEIVED

UNTIL AUGUST 20. TENDER WILL BE OPEN UNTIL JULY 1976.

5. NB: IN VIEW OF INTENSE INTEREST HERE IN SOVIET PURCHASES FROM THE U.S., WE WOULD MOST APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ADVISED BY FASTO OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE SITUATION AND OF THE EVENTS AS THEY OCCUR.
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